Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, January 23rd, 1883.

A meeting of the City Council was held last night, and in the absence of Mayor Meredith Ald. Labatt was called to the chair. Aldermen Birrell, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore, Boyd and Becher were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From James Marshall, asking to be appointed city chimney sweet. No. 3.

From P. Laughnane and R. H. Elliott, applying for the position of Weigh Scales Clerk. No. 3

From Ann Branden asking remission of taxes, Mary Connelly and Mrs. Kelly to the same effect. No. 1.

From James E. Belcher, asking exemption from taxes on his bowling alley and two new billiard tables added to his establishment. No. 3.

From Mrs. Jane Hyam, in reference to a license for a coffee room kept by her. John Doty, to the same effect. No. 3.

From H. W. Blynn, for remission of water tax charged in excess. No. 2.

From Panton & Dayton, complaining of the escape of sewer gas. No. 2 with power.

From Robert Smith, and other residents of Ridout street, asking for a reduction in the street watering rate. No. 3.

From Arthur Wallace, claiming $50 for extra work performed by him. No. 1.

Ald. Hyman verbally reported that the Bills for the Bonus By-lay and to issue debentures to the extent of $175,000 had passed the Railroad Committee of the House without opposition, and that the expenses of deputation to Toronto were $18.80. No. 1.

From H. W. Blinn, against street watering tax. No. 3.

His Worship now arrived and took the chair.

BY-LAW.

A by-law providing for the assessment of lawns, etc., as other property was read a first and second time.

On the third reading, Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald. Moore, that the by-law be referred to No. 1 Committee, and be read a third time at next meeting.

Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Stringer and Moore.

Nays—Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Boyd, and Becher.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Brown (Chairman) reported from No. 2 Committee as follows:—(1) Your Committee beg leave to report the following accounts as having been passed for payment:—Commissioner's pay roll, $35.75; James Wright & Co., $63.74; (2) that the account of D. McPhie ($11.45), and Wm. Spence, 75 cents, were referred to the City Engineer with power, and the account of T. F. Kingsmill, for carpeting Police Magistrate's and Police Court Clerk's office, amounting to $68.38, was referred to the Engineer and Chairman to report at the next meeting of committee; (3) your Committee would recommend the Council to procure 200 cords of stone for breaking purposes, and that your Committee be empowered to call for tenders for same in quantities of not less than twenty cords.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

The first and second clauses were adopted.

The third clause was amended by reducing the amount of stone to be tendered for to five cords instead of twenty, and the report as amended was adopted.

Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the Council Committees be requested to apply to the Council for appropriations for 1883. Carried.

NUMBER ONE.

Ald. Hyman (chairman) reported from No. 1 Committee as follows:—(1) that the usual accounts be paid; (2) that the petitions of Jane Insell and Janet McInnes, for remission of taxes, be granted; (3) that the petitions of Sarah Tweedie and M. Shrieves, for tax remissions, be filed; (4) that the petition of William Trafford, for remission of dog tax, be filed; (5) that C. J. Miers' assessment on income be reduced from $600